

FAC is considering 1329 ha for diversion

The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in its meeting tomorrow, i.e. 26 October 2018, considering 1329 ha of forest for diversion in 7 proposals across the country. State-wise, the largest area is in Assam i.e. 523 ha or about 40 per cent of total for a hydel proposal.

Overview of proposals in the agenda

Sr. No.	Consideration Regarding	Area	% Area	Projects	%Projects
1	Appraisal for FC	1329.40	85.01	7	77.78
2	Policy	0	0	1	11.11
3	Previously Recommended	234.24	14.98	1	11.11
-	Total	1563.24	100.00	9	100.00

State-wise & sector-Wise Proposals

No.	State	Area	% Area	Projects	%Projects	Sector
1	Assam	523.05	39.35	1	14.29	Hydel
2	Chhattisgarh	2.88	0.22	1	14.29	Mining
3	Jharkhand	277.15	20.85	1	14.29	Mining
4	Karnataka	2.025	0.15	1	14.29	Mining
5	Odisha	341.23	25.67	1	14.29	Irrigation
6	Telangana	183.07	13.77	2	28.57	Mining
-	Total	1329.40	100.00	7	100.00	-

List of Proposals

Sr No.	Project	Area	State	Sector	Comment
1	UPPER LANTH MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECT	341.23	Odisha	Irrigation	-
2	KOTHIATOLA TO DONGORBORE IRON ORE MINE	2.88	Chhattisgarh	Mining	No documents

					The proposal is being previously recommended and is being considered for examination of the SIR from regional office and the suitability of CA site
3	KARO OCP	234.24	Jharkhand	Others	
4	RAJRAPPA OPEN CAST MINE	277.15	Jharkhand	Mining	-
5	LOWER KOPILI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT	523.046	Assam	Hydel	-
6	NORMS FOR SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION (PROSPECTING OF ORES)			Policy	Policy
7	SINKING OF MAN WINDING SHAFT AND ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SHANTHIKANI LONG WALL PROJECT	4.828	Telangana	Mining	-
8	SHANTIKANI EXTN BLOCK (UNDERGROUND LONG WALL PROJECT) I	178.243	Telangana	Mining	-
9	EX-POST – FACTO APPROVAL FOR SESA STERLITE, NITHADI, HOLAKERE	2.025	Karnataka	Mining	Ex Post Facto (considering for review)

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